

Comments on FCC Docket 02-98

Amendment of Parts 2 and 97 of the Commission's Rules regarding the allocation of a Band near 5MHz for the Amateur Radio Service

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To the Commission:

The new amateur band from 5250--5400Khz is fine **as proposed** as far as I am concerned. I understand that there are others that do not feel this way.

I FILE OPPOSED TO SUBBANDS

There should be NO SUBBANDS, or mode restrictions here .

A fine example of a band with no subbanding is the 160 meter band. Activity of the various modes has always been self adjusting depending on the wants and needs of its users.

We are one of the few countries that divides its amateur bands into subbands. Many other countries do not have subbands. Subbands are a thing of the past and should be eliminated from all amateur bands.

Furthermore, if there were to be assigned subbands who is going to enforce the regulation? The Commission does not need another job to do in making sure that the proper modes are being used in the proper places.

I SUPPORT FULL POWER AUTHORIZATION

I understand that some individuals feel that the power levels be restricted to less than 1500 watts.

This is a mistake as well. The radio amateur must have the ability to run maximum power of 1500 watts for establishing reliable signal paths , especially in light of always changing propagation.

SUPPORT THE USE OF ALL MODES

In conclusion, The Amateur radio service is one of tried and true technologies such as CW and AM radiotelephone operation as well as the usual Single Sideband transmission.

New digital transmission methods and other communications technologies are happening now or are on the horizon. We must be able to accomodate all new forms of transmission without a proposal for rule making to allow its use.

The progressive way of thinking is:

The least regulation is the best regulation .

Respectfully submitted,

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